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Chairman - - W. HUNTER

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## Elected by West Hartlepool Corporation :

T. BREWARD, B.E.M., 14, Powlett Road, West Hartlepool  
G. P. K. GALLIMORE, Ambleside Manor, Elwick Road, West Hartlepool  
N. S. BROUGH, 319, Stockton Road, West Hartlepool  
W. O. MANN, 24, Weldeck Gardens, West Hartlepool  
C. R. WARNES, 10, Staincliffe Road, Seaton Carew, West Hartlepool  
R. T. WATKINS, 52, Thornville Road, West Hartlepool  
W. JONES, 24, Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool  
E. B. HOPKINS, 222, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool  
E. KENT, 5, Manor Road, West Hartlepool  
R. THOMPSON, J.P., 2, Balmoral Road, West Hartlepool

## Elected by Hartlepool Corporation :

W. HUNTER, 56, Cleveland Road, Hartlepool  
T. MARINE, 10, Town Wall, Hartlepool  
W. PERCIVAL, 38, Stephenson Street, Hartlepool  
T. WOOD, J.P., 61, Alliance Street, Hartlepool  
W. C. POUNDER, 4, Howden Road, Hartlepool

## Fixed Days of Meetings

*At the Municipal Buildings, West Hartlepool.*

June 18th, 1964	December 10th, 1964	April 15th, 1965
September 17th, 1964	February 18th, 1965	June 17th, 1965

*Each day at 6-0 p.m.*

## Finance and Port Committees :

All the Members of the Authority are Members of these Committees.

*The Committees meet on the same day as the Meeting is held.*

## Officers :

Clerk	.. ..	C. GILBERT BUNTING, Solicitor, Exchange Building, 66, Church Street, West Hartlepool. Telephone : 3132-3 (2 lines).
Medical Officer	.. ..	J. CRABB, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H., D.R.C.O.G., 221, Stockton Rd., West Hartlepool. Telephone : 3035.
Deputy Medical Officer		JOHN T. SMITH, M.B., Ch.B., Owton Manor West Hartlepool. Telephone : 3044.
Inspector	.. ..	R. J. KNOTT, M.B.E. Exchange Building, 66 Church St., West Hartlepool. Telephone: 2015.
Deputy Inspector	.. ..	G. A. WARD, 12, Beaconsfield Street, Hartlepool, Telephone : 6112.
Rat-Catcher	.. ..	H. MENHFNNET, 19, Penrith Street, Hartlepool.



# ANNUAL REPORT

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WEST HARTLEPOOL.

**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Hartlepool Port Health Authority.**

Gentlemen,

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1964.

In accordance with the instructions received from the Ministry of Health, certain sections which were fully reported for the year 1960, and in which there has been no change, are simply marked "NO CHANGE."

There has been a decrease in the number and tonnage of vessels entering the port. There has been a decrease in the the export of coal and coke and also a decrease in the imports of iron and other ores.

The first cargoes of liquid gas have been received and this trade may develop in the coming year. It is also envisaged that facilities are to be made available in the port to firms undertaking oil prospecting in the North Sea.

There has been no case of infectious disease in the Port during the year.

Work under the International Sanitary Regulations, 1951, has resulted in the issue of twenty two deratting exemption certificates.

In general the standard of cleanliness in crews accommodation continues to be good, and the nuisances which have had to be dealt with were of a minor character. Some of the old English ships that have been sold to foreign owners are at times below the standard which is to be desired.

The work carried out by your Inspector, his deputy and the rat-catcher has been to my entire satisfaction, and a record of the Inspector's work is included in the report.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks for the valuable assistance given me by the Chief Preventive Officer of H.M. Customs, and his staff, to Captain D. M. Maclean and his assistant Dockmasters, to the Ministry of Transport Surveyor, to H.M. Immigration Officers, and also to the Pilot Master and Pilots for their hearty co-operation with the officials of the Authority.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN CRABB,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H., D.R.C.O.G.

*Port Medical Officer of Health.*



## SECTION I—STAFF

**Table A.**

“NO CHANGE.”

## SECTION II—Amount of Shipping Entering the District during the year 1964.

**Table B.**

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had, during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	293	431,796	41	293	Nil
Coastwise . .	689	702,832	39	644	Nil
<b>Total . .</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>1,134,628</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>Nil</b>

## SECTION III—Character of Shipping and Trade during the year.

**Table C.**

### Passenger Traffic—

This is not an approved Passenger Port and there is therefore no regular passenger traffic. Certain passengers are allowed to land subject to certain restrictions imposed by H.M. Immigration Office. The following information has been supplied through the courtesy of H.M. Immigration Officer, Middlesbrough and West Hartlepool.

No. of passengers INWARDS	85
No. of passengers OUTWARDS	70
Alien passengers embarked	57
Alien passengers landed	74



## Cargo Traffic—Principal Imports :—

Pitwood & Mining Timber	..	68,252 tons
Other Timber	.. ..	126,467 „
Chemicals	.. ..	471 „
Liquid Gas Fuels	.. ..	9,404 „
Iron and Steel	.. ..	1,910 „
Iron Ore	.. ..	561,900 „
Other Ores	.. ..	16,853 „
Petroleum	.. ..	27,911 „
Other Commodities	.. ..	9,708 „
Fish	.. ..	1,988 „
Fruit and Vegetables	.. ..	1,453 „

## Principal Exports :—

Coal and Coke	.. ..	1,615,275 tons
Magnesite	.. ..	20,933 „
Machinery	.. ..	114 „
Iron and Steel	.. ..	47,693 „
Limestone	.. ..	25,816 „
Vehicles and parts	.. ..	89 „
Petroleum	.. ..	695 „
Other Chemicals	.. ..	5,939 „

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*The above particulars have been supplied through the courtesy of the Docks Manager, British Transport Docks Board, West Hartlepool.*

## Principal Ports from which Ships arrive :—

<i>Cargo</i>	<i>Foreign Ports</i>
Props	Archangel, Lapalouto, Leningrad, Vianna, Ventspil
Timber	Abo, Amal, Archangel, Frederiknes, Gamleby, Gdansk, Gothenburg, Halmstad, Hamina, Haukipudas, Helsinki, Igarka, Jacobstad, Kalmar, Karlshamm, Karlskrona, Karlstad, Kem, Kemi, Kopmanholman, Kotka, Kristienhamm, Leningrad, Mantylouto, Munksund, Nordandal, Onega, Oskarshamm, Pitea, Port Allegre, Rauma, San Francisco, Skogby, Stettin, Uddavalla, Uleaborg, Vasklot, Ventspil, Vertoulouto, Vestervik, Wismar
Sleepers	Bordeaux, Murmansk
Wood Pulp	Archangel, Gothenburg, Hamina, Kaliningrad, Kramfors
Iron and other Ores	Annabo, Antwerp, Barletta, Bone, Brindisi, Corunna, Crotonia, Esbjerg, Huelva, Livorno, Mauritius, Narvik, Oxelosund, Port Etienne, Savona, Sluiskill, Stettin, Uddavalla, Wabana
Steel Plates	Antwerp, Rotterdam, Ymuiden
Potato Flour	Stettin

## Ships arrived light from :—

Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bergen, Calais, Dordrecht, Duisburg  
Dunkirk, Gunnes, Gravelines, Hamburg, Havre, L'Orient, Lubeck  
Roerdal, Rotterdam, Rouen, Sauda, Terneuzen.

## SECTION IV—Inland Barge Traffic.

There is no such traffic.

## SECTION V—Water Supply.

“NO CHANGE.”

## SECTION VI Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

“NO CHANGE.”

## SECTION VII—Smallpox.

(1) Smallpox patients would be sent to Langley Park Hospital, Langley Park, County Durham.

(2) Arrangements have been made with the County Borough of West Hartlepool to remove any smallpox cases arriving, or occurring, in the port, and they are responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

(3) Smallpox consultants available are in accordance with the Ministry of Health Regional Panel of consultants.

(4) Facilities for the laboratory diagnosis of smallpox are provided at the area Public Health Laboratory.

## SECTION VIII—Venereal Disease.

Merchant seamen are able to have treatment for Venereal Disease at the following places at the times stated.

General Hospital, West Hartlepool.	Males—Mondays to Friday, 5—6 p.m.
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General Hospital, West Lane, Middlesbrough.	Monday to Friday, 8—12 a.m. 2—5 p.m.
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Stockton & Thornaby Hospital, Bowesfield Lane, Stockton-on-Tees.	Tuesday—4-30 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. Saturday—9-0 a.m. to 10-30 a.m.
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Any requiring in-patient treatment would be accommodated at the General Hospital, West Lane, Middlesbrough.

Cards giving information of the places and times at which treatment for Venereal Disease can be had are delivered on board ships by the Inspector.

### SECTION IX—Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

Table D.

Category	Disease	No. of cases during year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports ..		Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival .. ..		Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships .. .. .		Nil	Nil	Nil

### SECTION X—Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships.

There have been no cases of malaria on ships in or arriving at the port.

### SECTION XI—Measures taken against Ships infected with or suspected for Plague.

There have been no such ships in the port.

## SECTION XII—Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports.

### (1) *Procedure for Inspection of Ships for Rats—*

All ships arriving from foreign ports are searched as early as possible after arrival, to the extent that cargo will allow. After some of the cargo has been discharged from the holds further search is made.

### (2) *Arrangements for the Examination of Rodents—*

All rodents recovered are examined superficially by the Inspector or the ratcatcher and any showing signs of not having been in good health are sent for pathological and bacteriological examination to Dr. T. Blower, Pathologist, General Hospital, West Lane, Middlesbrough.

### (3) *Arrangements for Deratting of Ships—*

In the case of a minor infestation on a ship holding a valid deratting or deratting exemption certificate the port Ratcatcher carries out trapping or poisoning or both.

Deratting for the issue of a Deratting Certificate is done with cyanide by private contractors to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer.

The Contractor is not nominated by the Medical Officer. Firms who undertake fumigations are :—

Rentokil Ltd.	South Shields
Contra-pest Ltd.	South Shields

### (4) *Rat-proofing of Ships—*

Rat-proofing of new vessels is satisfactory. Old tonnage is improved as is necessary and practical.

**Table E.**

**Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports—**

Category	Number
Black rats .. ..	Nil
Brown rats .. ..	Nil
Species not known ..	Nil
Sent for examination ..	Nil
Infected with plague..	Nil

**Table F.**

**Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates  
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports—**

No. of Deratting Certificates issued				Total	No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with		After Trapping	After Poisoning			
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)					
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	13	13

In addition, 9 Deratting Exemption Certificates and 1 Rodent Control Certificate were issued to coastwise vessels.

**SECTION XIII—Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.**

**Table G.**

**Inspections and Notices—**

Nature and No. of inspections	Notices served		Result of serving notices
	Statutory notices	Other notices	
937	Nil	27 Verbal & informal	27 Complied with

The nuisances and sanitary defects consisted mainly of dirty and verminous quarters, defective and foul W.C.'s.

**SECTION XIV—Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations,  
1943 and 1948.**

“NO CHANGE.”

**SECTION XV—Medical Inspection of Aliens.**

This is not an approved port for the landing of aliens.

**SECTION XVI—Miscellaneous.**

Dead bodies are removed immediately to the nearest mortuary and action taken to secure speedy interment of the same.







